



Housing Assistance & Models Workgroup Meeting Minutes February 6, 2008

Items Relevant to Other Workgroups

- *EISSS team: A question came up regarding the 2-1-1 system and possible coordination with that work.*

Attendees

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| ■ Sally Harrison, MSHDA, Co-Chair | ■ Janet Irrer, MSHDA |
| ■ Michelle Wildman, MSHDA | ■ John Peterson, CSH |
| ■ Joe Tardella, Detroit | ■ Christine Sickle, Serenity Center |
| ■ Patti Geisert, MMCA | ■ Deborah Hendren, Community Housing Network |
| ■ Kathy French, MSHDA | ■ Colleen Graber, PPA (sub for Nick Armit) |
| ■ Stacey Vandenberg, Muskegon, new Co-Chair | ■ Scott Southard, PPA |
| ■ Jim Yarborough, DOC | |

Discussion Items

Introduction

- Sally H. began the meeting by discussing the last meeting and the work done around the strategies. There were no comments on the last set of minutes.
- An update on the DRT meeting and their review of the Action Plans was also discussed.
 - Because of “technical difficulties” there was a problem in some of the members receiving the e-mail that included the material.
 - The plan is to have a thorough review and discussion of the action plans at the next DRT meeting (February).
 - However, this should not delay any work on the strategies. The team still has time to flesh out the work already done around their Action Plan.
- *Action Plan Sharing:* Once Pace & Partners is done with their work, all of the Action Plans should be made available on the site. This will give the team the opportunity to see what all of other teams are working on.
 - The idea is to also include all of the Action Plans in a future E-news update.
 - The minutes from all of the meetings will also be available there for review.
- The April convening of the workgroups was discussed. Sally H. emphasized to the team the usefulness of having a face-to-face meeting.
 - The DRT team is still looking to lock down a date and location.
 - The date will be sometime around April 20.
- Sally also discussed the issues around collaborating with DHS’s Poverty initiative, Voice for Action Network. The idea at this point is that Sally would represent the Campaign and someone from DHS will represent the initiative. The hope will be to avoid duplicate meetings, and to collaborate on a single meeting or presentation to the different regions.
 - The team may also include new members from the Poverty initiative.

- ◆ The idea was also brought to the group to include the former 2-1-1 statewide coordinator, Shelly Miller.
- The 2-1-1 work was brought up as another discussion around collaboration. CG noted 2-1-1 is being addressed by the EISSS workgroup.
- *Important Note:* The A.P. numbering was changed by PPA to provide similar structure across the plans. An updated plan will come from Nick after this meeting.

Action Plan Review

Strategy #1

- Since Pat C. (lead) was not able to attend, Shanna C gave the workgroup an update on the strategies 1.1.-1.1.2.
- A draft for the work is being worked on by the team; she had received the draft from Pat C.
- There is a plan in place to have a survey of CoCs. One hope is that through the survey the team could see the differences between rural and urban.
- There is also a plan to publish and share a variety of triage approaches. The hope is that then the communities can determine which approach works best for their area.
- Shanna C. complimented the form that Stacey V. uses in her area. The form used in Grand Rapids was also shared among the team. All of this info was sent to Pat C.
- Michelle W. gave an update on 1.1.3. The team communicated over e-mail. The outcomes for the work were discussed.
 - In the short term, showcasing housing options on the Web site. This will be in coordination with the Homeless Summit (2010) and the Affordable Housing Conference.
 - ◆ Both of those events might be a good place to distribute material.
 - In the medium term, set up teams to speak to the regions about the Housing First different models, how they can be used, and what resources they will need.
- Michelle W. also gave an update on 1.1.4.
 - The goal is to set up dates for training in the different regions. In medium term, the outcome is to make sure that training is available across regions at the different sites.
 - The idea of getting feedback from the participants in the training was also discussed. This could be a survey via e-mail or telephone.
 - ◆ Alternative Idea: Give the regions the time to use the models first before distributing the survey.
- Was 1.1.5 deleted or moved to another section?
 - Service providers will be implementing the models.
 - There are no separate outcomes for this action.

Strategy #2

- The task group for this work is set to meet on Wednesday.
 - There maybe some changes in the language around this work. This will hopefully help flesh out some of the strategies.
 - Is most of this done?

Strategy #3

- Janet I. gave an update on this work. Much of this has been rolled into one action. The hope is to find the gap between vouchers and services and to help close that gap.
- There is a belief that the workers on the ground are getting a better idea of the landlords.

- Americorp members were discussed and their relationship to this work. This work will be a big part of their job.
 - Janet I. put together a PowerPoint presentation for them.
- Is there a way that every region could create a support system? A listing of who to call? Potential partners?
 - It was noted that a listing of developers and landlords by community would be useful.
 - Could this be done through a Web site?
 - This could help avoid “racing around” trying to find someone to contact.
 - ◆ Maybe there could be some kind of a reception for partners and developers to meet.
- There are additional issues in creating affordable housing that could delay things; for example, it would have to go through city councils, it would have to be voted on, etc.
- It was noted that Detroit might be the only area with a pilot ordinance. Out-Wayne County pilot to help accelerate projects is needed.
- John asked if 3.1.2 was thrown out at the last meeting.
- John agreed to work with Janet I. on 3.1.3.

Strategy #4-#6

- It was noted that these strategies were already done.
- On 5.1.2., Pat C. was going to present this request for definition to the team for comment.

Team Management and Representation

- Someone with a background in city planning might be good to add to the team.
 - Joe is meeting with a planning office out of Detroit on February 7, 2009. He will ask for recommendations then.
 - ◆ Michelle W. noted that the Genesee (?) County Planner was contracted but needs an official letter requesting that they are part of the team. Sally said MSHDA could do this.
- Since Michelle W. is now located at the Lansing MSHDA office, the team needs a new co-chair to represent the regions.
 - Stacey Vandenberg volunteered.

Concluding Comments

The team continues to move forward on the different strategies. The strategies continue to be worked upon and adapted based on the work of the team.

Tasks Completed

- Reviewed Strategies 1-6
 - Some of the strategies are already completed.
 - The outcomes for many of the tasks were discussed by the team.
- A new co-chair was identified..

Tasks Assigned

See Action Plan for a breakdown of assignments by action items.

Next Meeting

- March 9, 1:00 p.m.
 - This will be a conference call, number to be provided later.
 - Nick will send out handouts by e-mail.
 - If you know you are unable to make the call please let Nick know beforehand, (narmit@publicpolicy.com).